

## Replacement Sheet

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Revise Claims 1 and 2

Claim 1 (revised) A handheld fishing reel threading tool that assists fishermen in threading fishing line through the level wind orifice [(6)] (8) on level wind equipped fishing reels, consisting of a buoyant cylindrical handle (1) ~~attached to a pointed fixed length flexible loop at exit point (2) at the center of one end of the cylindrical handle and at return point (5) that is in close proximity to the exit point, having a tip end opening (3) that expands when fully inserted into, or collapses as it is withdrawn from, the opening of the level wind orifice (6), which is attached at one end to a pointed fixed length asymmetrical loop at an exit point (2) and at a return point (5), having a tip end opening defined by points (3,4) and a crossover point (7) that becomes a least twice the size of it's resting state when fully inserted into the opening of the level wind orifice (8) and having a handle end opening defined by the handle, points (2,5,6) and a crossover point (7), each of the openings expanding in size as the result of the compression of the other.~~

Claim 2 (revised). The tool of claim 1 enhances the fisherman's ability to thread fishing line onto or off of a level wind equipped fishing reel by; having a loop that is both flexible and rigid enough to allow the fisherman to guide the tip loop past the obstructions and passages of the fishing reel allowing the fisherman to gain full access to the tip loop and any inserted fishing line;

overcoming the characteristics of fishing line and the fishing environment that make the task of threading fishing line through the level wind orifice (6) awkward and difficult. having a loop that is both flexible and rigid enough to allow the fisherman to guide the tip end opening past the obstructions and passages of the fishing reel; providing expanded access to the tip end opening when the handle end opening is compressed between points (5) and (6) as the result of being inserted into the level wind orifice; collapsing around and holding inserted fishing line during extraction of the tool from the level wind orifice (8) then returning to it's resting state when neither the tip end opening or handle end opening are under compression.

Remarks:

Revised Claims 1 and 2 are submitted to more accurately describe the invention and it's use in accordance in the manner required by 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.